

SENATE GENERAL WELFARE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 2

Amendment No. 1 to SB2861

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2861*

House Bill No. 3289

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is created a special joint committee to be known as the home and community-based services study committee. The committee shall investigate the various alternatives for home and community-based services for long-term care in this state.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of six (6) members as follows:

- (1) Three (3) senators appointed by the speaker of the senate; and
- (2) Three (3) representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 3. The committee shall be convened by the legislative member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice chair and such officers the committee deems necessary. The chair shall hold such hearings, invite such guests, convene such meetings, and otherwise conduct such business as the chair deems necessary for the committee to efficiently and effectively perform its duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 4. Four (4) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of those members present shall be required for any action taken by the committee.

SECTION 5. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 6. At the request of the committee, the various agencies and entities of state government shall assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

SECTION 7. The committee shall present a final report to the general assembly no later than February 1, 2007, and the committee shall cease to exist after presenting its final report.

SECTION 8. The home and community based services steering committee is expanded and re-established in accordance with the provisions of this section. The committee shall study and make recommendation for improvements to the state's home and community-based services program. The ex-officio members of the committee shall be as follows: the deputy commissioner of finance and administration responsible for the bureau of TennCare; the deputy commissioner of mental retardation services; the commissioner of human services; and the director of the commission on aging and disability. Other members of the committee shall be appointed by the commissioner of finance and administration and shall serve terms to determined by commissioner: one representative from a PACE program; one representative of a home and community-based services provider under a federal waiver in this state; one representative from home care providers; one representative of AARP; one representative from the nursing home industry; and three (3) citizen members from the state at large. The membership shall also include one member of the house of representatives and one member of the senate selected by the respective speakers. The commissioner may also select a consultant knowledgeable in issues relating to home and community-based services to serve a member. Members of the existing home and community-based services steering committee may continue to serve if the commissioner of finance and administration so desires. The committee shall be administratively attached to the bureau of TennCare. The committee shall hold meetings as needed.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.